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The three dies of the standard silver dollar (one obverse two reverse) prepared by you and hardened by the Harmstead patent process were placed in coining press NO. 6 the first pair struck eighty thousand pieces the remaining reverse struck sixty thousand pieces, in the appearance and general working of the dies there was no perceptible difference from those prepared in the usual way.

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